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CODFISH FARES COMING SLOWLY

Receipts Barely Sufficient to Supply Present Demand.

The receipts of fish at this port today are confined to a few hundred barrels of salt mackerel from the Cape Shore, and 85,000 pounds of pollock, yesterday being a fine day the pollock school showed up again and some of the seiners made good hauls, which were sold to the splitters.

The small boats, however, continue to find fish scarce and nothing is being received from this source. There have been no arrivals of the eastern shacking fleet and fish from this quarter do not come forward as fast as was expected.

The bank trawling fleet is but a small one this season consisting of about 10 vessels, half of which have already arrived, and the dory handliners have not met with any degree of success, so that receipts of salt cod show a decline over that of a corresponding period of last year.

In view of this quotations of salt cod and other ground fish will necessarily be light for some time to come. Cutters and shippers are now depending upon the seiners, who bring their catches to market fresh to be cured by the local dealers, for a sufficient supply to carry them along during the next two months.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Constellation, Cape Shore, 8 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Victor, Cape Shore, 160 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Electric Flash, Cape Shore, 110 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Mary E. Harty, Cape Shore, 175 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Saladin, Cape Shore, 75 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Pinta, Cape Shore, 103 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Arthur James, Cape Shore, 150 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Cape Shore, 104 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Terra Nova, Cape Shore, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Rex, Cape Shore.
Sch. Moanum, Cape Shore.
Sch. Oriole, Cape Shore via Boston, 170 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, Cape Shore via Portland.
Sch. Monarch, Cape Shore, 170 bbls. salt mackerel.
Steamer Bryda F., shore, 30,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Jeffery, shore 37,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Pet, shore, 40,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Hector and Emma, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Matiana, via Boston.
Sch. Eva L. Spurling via Boston.
Sch. Enterprise, Cutler, Me., salt herring for market.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Patriot, drifting.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, drifting.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.
Sch. Thalia, haddocking.
Sch. Lillian, shacking.
Sch. Hope, shacking.
Sch. Lucania, seining.
Sch. Elita Mildred, seining.
Sch. Hockomock, netting.
Sch. Eva L. Spurling, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Fresh halibut, 11c per lb. for white and 7½c for gray.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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BAIT SCARCITY BOTHERS FISHING

Other Causes Also Contribute to Light Receipts.

The receipts of fish at this port today are of a small order and confined to one eastern shack trip of 160,000 pounds of salt and fresh cod, one small fare of 20,000 pounds of pollock and 95 barrels of salt mackerel.

Yesterday was a dull day for the pollock seiners, only one small fare being landed.

The shore boats continue to meet with the same hard luck of securing bait which has curtailed receipts of fresh fish which otherwise might have been landed.

The little steamer Alice, fortunately got a haul yesterday of 60 barrels of large herring which was readily sold here for bait at \$4 a barrel.

There are a number of vessels of the shack fleet out from six to seven weeks which are due to arrive at any time but these vessels have not met with the degree of success of last year, which is the cause of their prolonged trips. Then the drift fishermen are out longer than usual and some of them have turned their attention to running their catches fresh to the Boston market, which helps to curtail receipts at this port.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Clintonia, Cape Shore 95 bbls. salt mackerel, 1600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Veda M. McKown, Cape Shore, 35 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Preceptor, Cape Shore.
Sch. Enterprise, Deer Isle, Me., 600 bbls. salt clams.
Sch. Ingomar, Quero Bank, 85,000 lbs. salt cod., 75,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Steamer Bryda F., shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Alice, 60 bbls. fresh herring.
Sch. Evelyn Thompson, shore.
Sch. Athenia, via Boston.
Sch. Clara Silva, via Boston.
Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston.
Sch. J. S. Glover, Cutler, Me., 800 quintals cured fish.
Steamer Mystery, shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Bessie A., shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Lillian, Southwest Harbor, load cured fish for market.

Vessels Sailed.

Schs. Francis P. Mesquita and Thalia sailed today on haddocking trips.
Sch. Effie M. Prior, seining.

Today's Fish Market.

Fresh halibut, 11c per lb. for white and 7½c for gray.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
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Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts.
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Sch. Theodore Roosevelt Stocked \$8843.

As codfish killers from this port, the name of Morrissey stands out in bold relief. It was only a few days ago that Capt. Clayton Morrissey arrived with more than 400,000 pounds, and stocked \$12,200. Now comes Capt. William Morrissey in sch. Theodore Roosevelt, from a salt bank trip, weighing off 285,000 lbs., on which a stock of \$8843 was realized, the crew sharing \$279.63. These are the two largest salt codfishing trips made from this port this season.

Capt. Morrissey will lose no time in getting away and will sail tomorrow on a second trip, and proceed to Newfoundland for caplin baiting.

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NO MACKEREL NEWS GOING

Cape Shore Seiners Come Straggling Along.

There is nothing new in the mackerel situation at present time. Since last report three or four more of the Cape Shore fleet have arrived, some with no fish and the others with only a few barrels.

The price paid for the first trip Tuesday of \$15.50 per barrel appears to have been adopted as the standard price for future trips for the fares brought in by some dozen vessels were all disposed of at the same figure. This price, however, cannot but be highly satisfactory to the producers for never before did early spring salt mackerel sell at such a high price. But mackerel will be mackerel this season, for it is evident that the receipts of the salted product will be the smallest in the history of this fishery.

The big shippers will, however, in order to supply their customers and the trade have to turn their attention in other directions. Already they have been getting liberal consignments from Ireland of a very marketable variety and now stand ready to take the Emerald Isles entire catch.

What fish are taken by the seiners on this shore will be sold fresh at Boston and other distributing centres, as it will bring the fishermen and vessel owners better financial returns.

The arrivals today are sch. Veda M. McKown from the Cape Shore with 35 barrels and sch. Clintonia, 95 barrels and 1600 fresh mackerel. The latter selling at 20 cents each.

There are a number of the Cape Shore fleet yet to arrive but with no better fares than those that preceded them.

Sch. Diana one of the Cape Shore mackerel seiners arrived at Liverpool, N. S., on Tuesday last and cleared.

Sch. Corsair arrived at Shelburne, on the same date.

Sch. Colonial passed Mulgrave bound north Tuesday last.

Netters at Newport Doing Poorly.

At Newport the netters have been doing fairly well, but the last few days there appears to be a falling off. Although good prospects are reported. It will take until the fourth of July for the fishermen to tell what will be the prospects for a summer catch on this coast. In years past the mackerel fishery did not commence before the fourth, and then receipts were often from 150,000 to 200,000 barrels. But it must be remembered that the fleet of vessels engaged comprised 600 sail or more and not the baker's dozen of today.

Netters at Newport.

The arrivals and receipts at Newport today are:

Sch. Reliance, 1300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Clara, 1300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lafayette, 2700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. On Time, 600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. W. H. Clements, 600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Conquest, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Columbia, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Eveleth, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Wodan, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Arrow, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Philomena, 50 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Crustacean, 300 fresh mackerel.

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Newfoundland Codfishing.

Codfish is more plentiful at Cape Pine, N. F., and vicinity at present than for some years past, and all the boats fishing there are doing well. Several from Salmonier have as high as 200 quintals ashore already and the lowest catch for any boat is 25 qtls. Should the fish continue plentiful there, the total catch is likely to prove a record one.

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Clam Bait.

Sch. Enterprise, which arrived here yesterday afternoon, is discharging into the cold storage 600 barrels of salt clams, which will be used for bait for the dory handliners.

Will Fit for Seining.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll will now be fitted out for mackerel seining, under command of Capt. Jerry Cook.

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T WHARF HAS ANOTHER LAX DAY

Receipts of Fish Insufficient to Supply Demand.

Today is another day of laxity in the Boston fresh fish trade, only a half dozen vessels being reported there today. Prices continue firm in all branches, but the few fish received are not enough to go around among the small dealers.

Boston, the great distributing centre for all kinds of fresh fish products, is somewhat despondent over the situation and there is no relief in sight at present time. The dealers there are not receiving any fish, either from domestic outports or from the provinces. It is seldom, if ever, such a condition has existed at this season before.

It is at a time when abundance of fresh fish from all directions was flooding the market, but this season is a most exceptional one, and may not be seen again in years to come. But the time for any great over supply appears to have passed, for the country is eating more fish, which is being distributed to all parts of the country in a fresh state. With rapid transportation extending in all directions, it is more evident the demand for a greater food fish supply must be noticeable in the near future.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Leo, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Manomet, 1500 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Hortense, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 2300 haddock, 4000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Eva Avina, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Olive Sears, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Philip P. Manta, 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Jessie Costa, 9000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Haddock, \$3.80 to \$4; large cod, \$6 to \$6.50; market cod, \$4; hake, \$2.50 to \$4; pollock, \$2.50.

BOSTON FISH BUREAU.

Officers Elected at Annual Meeting Held Yesterday.

The annual meeting of the Boston Fish Bureau was held yesterday, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—F. L. Clements.
Vice President—Charles J. Whitman.
Secretary—F. F. Dimick.
Treasurer—G. W. Clatur.
Executive committee—George Willey, G. W. Clatur, George H. Prior, H. B. Ritchie.
Transportation committee—Lehman Pickert, Leonard A. Treat, H. O. Underwood.
Arbitration committee—C. W. Wrightington, R. M. Kelly, W. L. Pierce and Burton Fernald.

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THE FISHERIES TRIBUNAL.

In opening the proceedings at The Hague, where the rights of the American and Canadian fishermen are to be adjudicated, President Lammasch spoke inspiringly of the importance of the tribunal, and his remarks were certainly pertinent. He said that the members of the court were conscious of their great responsibilities and that they should do their best to render justice to the "captains courageous" who pile up the treasures of the sea for the benefit of men.

The cordial expression of opinion on the part of the president of the court, who was, of course, expressing likewise the opinion of his colleagues, gives room for the feeling that the case is to be decided upon its merits, and that, when the court adjourns, after the able exposition of the merits of the case by the American and English counsel, and the weighing of the evidence and the arguments, the

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decision will be one which must demand the respect of all those concerned.

The questions involved are highly important to our fishermen. For years there has been a wide variance of opinion, and much hard feeling engendered by the acts of the Canadian authorities. Doubtless there is a little fault upon both sides. That would seem to be a fair statement, but the settlement of the intricate differences by an impartial court will make it easier in the future for all engaged in the fisheries to govern themselves according to the law as it may be laid down.

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SEINERS STILL COMING HOME

Entire Cape Shore Fleet Will Return in Few Days.

The only reports from the mackerel fleet today are from Newport, where a number of netters have arrived most of which have good catches.

Since last report several more of the Cape Shore seiners have arrived and all are poorly fished. The only respectable fare was that of sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis, with 191 barrels which sold to the Cunningham & Thompson Company at \$15.50 per barrel.

In a few days all the fleet from the Cape Shore will have arrived and then go to Block Island grounds, where the prospects at present time are quite good, as can be seen by the good catches now being made by the netters.

Mackerel Sale.

The fare of salt mackerel of sch. Diana sold to George Perkins & Son at \$15.50 per barrel.

Netters at Newport.

Sch. Harris, 700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Maxwell, 700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Margaret, 700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Tecumseh, 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Laura Reed, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. McKenzie, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Massasoit, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Bessie, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. F. A. Oakes, 1300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Florida, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Eddie A. Minot, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Stilleto, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. On Time, 400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Blanche L. Irving, 2200 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Freedom, 1200 fresh mackerel.

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PRICES LOWER AT BOSTON

Usual Reduction Made at End of the Week.

Receipts of fish at Boston today are quite liberal and show an improvement over last week, which has caused prices to drop the lowest for some time. While there are no big trips, there are a number from the off shore grounds, whose catch make a respectable aggregate.

The last of the week is always dull, and the prices today are what was naturally expected.

Some of the vessels there today that had been out some time and have old fish, are coming down to Gloucester to market their fish for curing.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mary E. Silva, 6000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 2000 pollock, 1000 halibut.

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Sch. Viking, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 3200 haddock, 500 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Laura Enos, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Grace Otis, 35,000 pollock.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 60,000 pollock.
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 3000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 11,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Margie Smith, 20,000 pollock.
Sch. Marion, 1400 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Schommet, 16,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 25,000 hake.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 22,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 12,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Washakie, 8000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Haddock, \$2.75 to \$3; large cod, \$4 to \$4.75; market cod, \$2.50; pollock, \$1; halibut, 15 cts. per lb.

CAPSIZED DORY FOUND.

Probably Belongs to Halibuting Sch. Dictator of This Port.

Sch. Shenandoah, Capt. James C. Gannon, which arrived here yesterday from the Cape Shore, brought in a dory which he picked up Tuesday last on Brown's Bank about 40 miles south of Cape Sable. The dory was a new one and was bottom up, when found, and inside was a winch such as are used in hauling trawls. The oars and everything, excepting the painter was gone. On her bow was worded in black letters, "Dictator."

It is thought this dory may belong to sch. Dictator of this port as it is said she had a new set of dories a short time ago. The schooner is now out on a halibut trip and usually in summer fishes in that vicinity.

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FISH RECEIPTS IMPROVED

Some Good Fares at This Port This Morning.

After 48 hours receipts of fish at this port show considerable improvement over the early part of the week. The arrivals are sch. Hazel R. Hines, with 290,000 pounds of salt cod, sch. Mildred Robinson, with 135,000 pounds and sch. James W. Parker, 130,000 pounds of fresh and salt cod, sch. Claudia has 11,000 pounds of halibut and 30,000 pounds of fresh and salt fish.

The pollock seiners did fairly well yesterday and the result is some fair trips landed today, aggregating 150,000 pounds or more. This with a cargo of cured and pickled fish from a Maine port, together with 200 barrels of mackerel, complete the list of receipts today.

The little steamer Independence, II., has landed two trips of 40 and 75 barrels of fresh herring since Thursday, which show that these fish are still off here. But the shore boats as usual are finding fish scarce and are landing but few fish in consequence.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Steamer Independence II., shore, 40 bbls. fresh herring.
Steamer Jeffrey, shore, 25,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Bessie A., shore, 25,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Mystery, shore, 25,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Shenandoah, Cape Shore, 40 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Aloha, Cape Shore, 191 lbs. salt mackerel.
Sch. Mildred Robinson, Quero Bank, 135,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Hazel R. Hines, Quero Bank, 290,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. James W. Parker, Quero Bank, 100,000 lbs. salt cod, 30,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Claudia, LaHave Bank, 11,000 lbs. halibut, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 14,000 lbs. fresh cusk.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Cape Shore.
Sch. Dorcas, shore.
Sch. Rebecca Bartlett, Maine port, salt fish.
Steamer Joppaite, shore, 47,000 lbs. pollock.